

## ACT 224

S.B. NO. 2629

A Bill for an Act Relating to Lobbyists.

*Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:*

SECTION 1. Section 97-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsections (a) and (b) to read as follows:

“(a) The following persons shall file a statement of expenditures with the state ethics commission on March 31, May 31, and January 31 of each year~~]~~ and within thirty days after adjournment sine die of any special session of the legislature:

- (1) Each lobbyist~~[-];~~
- (2) Each person who spends \$750 or more of the person’s or any other person’s money in any six-month period for the purpose of attempting to influence legislative or administrative action or a ballot issue by communicating or urging others to communicate with public officials; provided that any amounts expended for travel costs, including incidental meals and lodging, shall not be included in the tallying of the \$750~~[-]; and~~
- (3) Each person who employs or contracts for the services of one or more lobbyists, whether independently or jointly with other persons. If the person is an industry, trade, or professional association, only the association is the employer of the lobbyist.

(b) The March 31 report shall cover the period from January 1 through the last day of February. The May 31 report shall cover the period from March 1 through April 30. The January 31 report shall cover the period from May 1 through December 31 of the previous year. The report to be filed within thirty days after adjournment sine die of a special session of the legislature shall cover the period from May 1 through adjournment sine die of that special session and shall apply to and include only those expenditures and contributions that relate to legislative action considered during that special session.”

SECTION 2. This Act does not affect rights and duties that matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were begun before its effective date.

SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved July 7, 2014.)